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## Synopsis:

Rev. ZARINS, Latvian Lutheran Church, NYC, advised ROBERTS ANCANS is Catholic, but wife, ILGA, is member of Latvian Lutheran Church; has met subject at various social functions. He advised subject fought in Latvian Legion against the Russians and now active in disabled war veterans organization. He knew nothing derogatory concerning him. DR. LUIZA MIKELSONS knew the subject and wife very briefly and states subject anti-Communist. JANIS LACIS, President, NY Chapter of Daugavas Vanagi, has known subject since 1942, in Young Officers School in Latvia. During the war, he read reports of his fighting and being decorated with various medals. Advised subject had been active in Daugavas Vanagi, Latvian War Veterans organization, but split off from Daugavas Vanagi with some followers in 1956 or 1957 in Germany and founded Disabled War Veterans Association which is active in NY and Germany. Believes subject anti-Soviet. States subject writing about self in the army and believes he wants to be popular. INS information concerning wife, ILGA, and mother-in-law, MARTA LUTUMS, set out.

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DETAILS

On November 22, 1961, Reverend RICHARD ZARINS, Latvian Lutheran Church, residence 564 Second Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that ROBERTS ANCANS was a Roman Catholic, but his wife, ILGA, was a Lutheran and attended the Latvian Lutheran Church. She has been a member of the Reverend ZARINS' church for several years. Her mother also had been a member of this church, but she was sickly and died several years ago. The ANCANS have two children.

Reverend ZARINS stated he has met subject at various social functions. He described him as a "pleasant but energetic man". He fought in the Latvian Legion against the Russians and proved himself valorous and was decorated by the German Army.

Reverend ZARINS stated he did not know subject in Latvia and did not know anything regarding his family.

He advised subject is very active in the Latvian Disabled (or Handicapped) Veterans Organization. He stated that Latvians during World War II had not fought for Germany, but had fought for their own country against the Soviets as well as the Germans at times. After the war, these veterans found their lot very hard. An organization of Latvian war veterans called Daugavas Vanagi was formed in Belgium. Subject was in Daugavas Vanagi, but split-off later from the organization with a number of followers to form a disabled war veterans organization. Recently this group had bought a piece of land in the Catskills, which will be for the use of the organization. Reverend ZARINS said he believed this was a good thing since prior to this about the only thing these disabled war veterans used to do was "to sit around and drink and be depressed." He felt the start toward a new activity might stimulate them.

He said he did not know anything derogatory regarding the subject.

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On January 8, 1962, Dr. LUIZA MIKELSONS, 156 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that she knew ROBERTS ANCANS and his wife very briefly. He was the head of a disabled war veterans group. She believes he has a German decoration from the time he fought in the Latvian Legion during World War II. She said ANCANS is anti-Communist and that she knew nothing derogatory concerning him.

On January 18, 1962, JANIS LACIS, 611 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York, advised he has known the subject since 1942 when they were both in Young Officers School in Latvia. During the war LACIS read reports of subject's fighting achievements. Subject was decorated with all kinds of medals; according to LACIS. LACIS, who is the current president of the New York Chapter of Daugavas Vanagi, stated that ANCANS had been a member of Daugavas Vanagi when it was founded in Europe, however, subject split-off from Daugavas Vanagi with a number of his followers and founded the "Kara Invalidu Apvieniba", (Disabled War Veterans Association) in 1956 or 1957 in Germany. It is now active in New York and Germany, although it is much smaller than Daugavas Vanagi. Subject's organization has no headquarters, but recently they bought a cottage in the Catskills.

LACIS stated that he believed subject was anti-Soviet. He thinks that now, subject wants to be popular and he writes about himself in the army. He feels subject wants to remember his past, which is generally contrary to the feelings of most of the Latvian war veterans. He said some of the pieces about ANCANS had appeared in the Latvian language newspaper, "Laiks". LACIS said he knew nothing derogatory concerning the subject and did not believe that he would be engaged in any activity on behalf of the Soviets.

On January 19, 1962, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, made available INS file A10233916 on MARTA LUTUMS, subject's mother-in-law. This file contained an application for Immigration Visa and Alien Registration I1072181 dated November 9, 1955 at the American Consulate General's Office, Munich, Germany, by MARTA LUTUMS nee MUELLERS,

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residence, Vogesenstr 55, Augsburg, Germany. She was born October 12, 1904 in Jaunpils, Latvia. She was destined to Mrs. VILLIA VAKSMANIS, 355 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and her address was to be 301 Lafayette Avenue, apartment 3L, Brooklyn 38, New York.

MARTA LUTUMS was described as 5'4", 128 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and married. She was a housewife and spoke Latvian, Russian, German, and some English.

Her residences had been as follows:

Jaunpils, Latvia, 1904 - 1909.

Raiskums, Latvia, 1909 - 1915

Birska, Latvia, 1915 - 1919

Riga, Latvia, 1919 - 1944

Neuberg, Germany, 1944 - 1952

Augsburg, Germany, 1952 to date.

Her parents, ROBERT MUELLERS and ELIZABETH MUELLERS nee LAPINS, are deceased. Her husband, ANDREJS LUTUMS, is missing.

Immigrant Visa number 59432 was issued to her on November 9, 1955 and she entered at New York on December 16, 1955 aboard the "USNS General W. C. Langfitt". An affidavit of support on the letterhead of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Church World Service, 150 5th Avenue, New York City, was signed by VILLIA VAKSMANIS, 355 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, for MARTA LUTUMS care of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERTS ANCANS, 55 Vogesenstrasse, Augsburg, Germany. Mrs. VAKSMANIS advised that she was a friend of MARTA LUTUMS' daughter, MILDA, and that the applicant would be employed as a domestic worker in the household of Mrs. SOPHIE BERZINS at 301 Lafayette Avenue, apartment 3L, Brooklyn, New York. The affidavit, which was dated June 3, 1955, reflected she had a daughter, INARA VAKSMANIS, born December 5, 1941.

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An affidavit dated October 3, 1955 in Augsburg, Germany, reflected that MARTA LUTUMS was born October 12, 1904 in Jaunpils, Lettland; that she married ANDREJS LUTUMS on December 25, 1926 in Lielwarde, Germany; that he was born December 6, 1900 in Lielwarde; that they had two children, JANIS HARIJS LUTUMS, born June 23, 1927 in Lielwarde and ILGA, born June 1, 1928 in Riga, Latvia, and that her parents were JURIS and ANNA LUTUMS.

An affidavit was submitted in 1955 in Augsburg, which stated that she had lived with her husband in Latvia until 1944. On September 1, 1944, she was sent to Germany and her husband remained in Latvia. She has never heard of him since. A card dated June 16, 1956 reflected that MARTA LUTUMS, AER number, 10233916, had moved from 124 10th Street, West Babylon, New York, to 104-41 104th Street, Ozone Park, New York.

INS file A10233854 reflected that ILGA ANCANS nee LUTUMS, 55 Vogesenstr., Augsburg, Germany, made an application for Immigration Visa and Alien Registration number I1072441 at the American Consulate General's Office, Munich, on November 9, 1955. Her address in the United States was given as 410 East 163rd Street, Bronx 56, New York, and the person to whom she was destined was HEINRICH BAGATAIS.

She was born June 1, 1928 in Riga, Latvia, and was described as 5'5", 147 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. She had been an assistant nurse and pharmaceutical clerk and spoke German, Latvian, and English.

She had resided in Riga until 1944, Neuberg, Germany until 1946, Munich, Germany until 1948, Neuberg, Germany until 1959, and Augsburg, Germany to date. Her family consisted of husband ROBERTS ANCANS, and daughter, RITA and son GVIDO. Her parents were ANDREJS LUTUMS and MARTA LUTUMS nee MUELLERS.

In 1949, she had applied for an immigrant visa for the United States at the IRO Office, Neuberg and again in 1952 at the United States Consul's Office in Munich. An Immigration Visa number 59439 was issued to her on November 10, 1955 and she arrived in New York December 16, 1955 on the "USNS Langfitt". A marriage certificate reflected that

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ROBERTS ANCANS, Catholic, born November 11, 1919 in Tilza, Lettland, and ILGA LUTUMS, Evangelican, born June 1, 1928 Riga, were married on September 2, 1950 in Neuberg.

An affidavit dated September 29, 1955 reflected that their daughter, RITA, was born July 8, 1951 in Augsburg and her son, GUIDO IMANTS, was born August 3, 1952 in Augsburg. Her father was born on December 6, 1900 in Lielwarde, and her mother on October 12, 1904 in Jaunpils.

A card dated June 16, 1956 reflected that ILGA ANCANS, AER number A10-233854, had moved from 124 10th Street West Babylon, New York, to 104-41 104th Street, Ozone Park, New York. She was working for or attending school at Michael Baumler, West 18th Street, New York, New York.

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